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1. SUMMARY. SINCE OCTOBER 1974 THE PRESENCE IN STOCKHOLM OF
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JAPANESE RED ARMY TERRORISTS HAS BEEN OF CONSIDERABLE CONCERN

TO POLICE AUTHORITIES, THE PRESS, AND TO FOREIGN EMBASSIES. SWEDISH OPEN-SOCIETY PROCEDURES OPERATE TO INSURE THAT SWEDISH NEWSPAPERS PROMPTLY LEARN AND PUBLISH NEARLY AS MUCH AS THE POLICE KNOW (AND SOMETIMES MORE). THE CURRENT STATE OF PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE PRESENCE AND ACTIVITY IN SWEDEN OF SUSPECTED JRA MEMBERS IS SUMMARIZED BELOW, BASED ON PRESS ACCOUNTS THROUGH MARCH 13. TWO JAPANESE JUDGED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE JRA HAVE BEEN DETAINED AND EXPELLED TO JAPAN, SEVERAL OTHER JAPANESE HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS ASSOCIATED WITH THE JRA BUT REMAIN IN SWEDEN UNDER VARYING DEGREES OF SURVEILLANCE AND PAROLE. OTHERS ARE THE OBJECTS OF CONTINUING POLICE SEARCH. THE JRA HAS EMERGED IN EARLY 1975 AS THE SINGLE MOST THREATENING TERRORIST GROUP IN SWEDEN . END SUMMARY.

2. CAVEAT. SWEDISH PRESS COVERAGE OF JRA ACTIVITY WAS MARKED BY IRRESPONSIBLE REPORTING IN FEBRUARY WHEN ONE LEADING NEWSPAPER (AFTONBLADET FEBRUARY 9) ERRONEOUSLY FRONTPAGED AKIRA KITAGAWA AS THE OBJECT OF A MANHUNT IN SWEDEN BY SWEDISH POLICE AND JAPANESE SECURITY OFFICERS WITH QUESTIONABLE AUTHORITY TO OPERATE ON SWEDISH SOIL. THE COVERAGE GENERALLY MIXED UP KITAGAWA AND HIS HISTORY WITH SEVERAL OTHER JRA AGENTS WHO WERE IN FACT BEING SOUGHT, AND INVITED MISLEADING POLICE DISCLAIMERS. THE PRESS HAS GARBLED JAPANESE NAMES AND MAY SOMETIMES EXAGGERATE THE EXTENT OF POLICE CERTAINTY ABOUT TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATIONS (EXAMPLE: NISHIKAWA). FINALLY, THE JRA PENCHANT FOR FALSE PASSPORTS AND IDENTIFICATIONS HAS ADDED TO THE DIFFICULTY OF ACCURATE COVERATE, AND OBLIGED US TO RESORT TO THE INFORMAL NUMBERING SYSTEM USED IN THE REMAINDER OF THIS REPORT ABOUT INDIVIDUAL JRA MEMBERS KNOWN OR SUSPECTED TO BE IN SWEDEN.

3. JRA-1. JUN NISHIKAWA.

DETAINED IN STOCKHOLM MARCH 6, 1975, AND EXPELLED TO TOKYO MARCH 12-13. GROUNDS FOR DETENTION: SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR - SITTING IN VOLKSWAGON WITH ANOTHER JAPANESE FOR TWO HOURS MAKING PHOTOGRAPHS (SEVERAL HUNDRED) OF PEOPLE ENTERING AND LEAVING BUILDING THAT HOUSES EMBASSIES OF AUSTRIA, BANGLADESH, ICELAND, LEBANON, SOMALIA, AND URUGUAY. UNCLASSIFIED

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CARRIED FALSE PASSPORT IN THE NAME RYUJI YONEYAMA. SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED IN TOKYO FROM PHOTOGRAPH AND FINGERPRINTS AS JUN NISHIKAWA. AGE 24-25. REPORTEDLY "INVOLVED" IN SEIZURE OF FRENCH AMBASSADOR SENARD IN THE HAGUE ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 13, 1974, EXTORTING PAYMENT OF \$300,000 RANSOM, AND ESCAPING TO DAMASCUS, AND OTHER ONWARD DESTINATIONS.

4. JRA-2. IDENTITY NOT YET ESTABLISHED.

DETAINED AND EXPELLED WITH NISHIKAWA. CARRIED FALSE PASSPORT IN THE NAME YOSHIHARU YAMANAKA. BOTH JRA-2 AND NISHIKAWA ARE REPORTEDLY FORMER STUDENTS FROM "SHIZUOKA UNIVERSITY" (OR KYOTO UNIVERSITY BY OTHER ACCOUNTS) WHO LEFT JAPAN IN 1971 AND WHO SINCE THEN WERE ACTIVE IN BEIRUT AND STOCKHOLM ON BEHALF OF PALESTINIAN TERRORIST MOVEMENT. BOTH WERE REPORTEDLY OBSERVED (BUT NOT DETAINED FOR) ALSO PHOTOGRAPHING BUILDINGS IN COPENHAGEN AND OSLO IN WHICH LEBANESE CONSULATES ARE (OR WERE ONCE) LOCATED. STOCKHOLM PRESS SPECULATION IS THAT JAPANESE RED ARMY AGENTS HAVE BEEN PLOTTING ATTACK AGAINST A FOREIGN EMBASSY OR EMBASSY PERSONNEL, JAPANESE BUSINESS OFFICES OR PERSONNEL, SWEDISH PERSONALITIES OR PERSONS INVOLVED IN INTERNATIONALLY TELEVISED "EUROVISION" HIT SONG COMPETITION SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 22. NISHIKAWA AND JRA-2 HAD CIPHER MATERIAL WHICH WAS PICKED UP BY SWEDISH POLICE. BOTH CAME TO STOCKHOLM MARCH 5 FROM OSLO BY RENTED CAR AND EARLIER WERE IN THE NETHERLANDS.

5. JRA-3. UNIDENTIFIED JAPANESE REPORTEDLY SEEN IN STOCKHOLM WITH NISHIKAWA AND JRA-2. OBJECT OF SEARCH.

6. JRA-4. KYOICHI SHIMADA.

ON FEBRUARY 18 THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM DISTRIBUTED A CIRCULAR NOTE TO ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND, EXTRAORDINARILY, ALSO TO SWEDISH TRAVEL BUREAUS, AIRPORTS, SHIPPING AND BUS COMPANIES (OVER THE HEAD OF THE SWEDISH POLICE) IDENTIFYING SHIMADA AS A SUSPECTED MEMBER OF THE JAPANESE RED ARMY TERRORIST GROUP, AGAINST WHOM A WARRANT OF ARREST WAS ISSUED IN JAPAN ON FEBRUARY 6, 1975, AND AS THE BEARER OF AN INVALID PASSPORT. SEE ALSO SEPTEL TO FOLLOW.

7. JRA-5. AKIRA KITAGAWA.

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DETAINED IN STOCKHOLM IN OCTOBER 1974 AS SUSPECTED JRA TERRORIST. ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN STOCKHOLM AREA UNDER PAROLE. KITAGAWA WAS DETAINED IN PARIS IN JULY 1974 AND REPORTEDLY EXPELLED WITHOUT NOTIFICATION TO SWEDISH AUTHORITIES, TOGETHER WITH OTHER JAPANESE SUSPECTED TERRORIST WHO THEN UNDERTOOK THE SUCCESSFUL SEIZURE OF THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN THE HAGUE SEPTEMBER 13, 1974.

8. JRA-6. TAKIKO GODA.

SUSPECTED JRA AGENT REPORTEDLY RESIDENT IN SWEDEN AS OF MARCH 1975. NOT CLEAR FROM AVAILABLE RECORDS WHETHER SHE WAS IN PARIS IN 1974 OR IF SO, WHETHER EXPELLED, DESCRIBED AS LONGTIME FIANCEE OF KITAGAWA.

9. JRA-7. JUNZO OKUDAIRO.

POSSIBLY IN SWEDEN. PARTICIPATED IN SEIZURE OF FRENCH
AMBASSADOR SENARD IN THE HAGUE IN SEPTEMBER 194. THEREAFTER
FLEW TO DAMASCUS AND OTHER ONWARD DESTINATIONS.

10. JRA-8. MARIKO YAMAMOTO.
POSSIBLE IN SWEDEN.

11. JRA-9. TOSHIO OMURA.
SEE SEPTTEL.

12. JRA-10. FUSAKO SHIGENOBU.
JRA "QUEEN" WHO WAS BASED IN SWEDEN IN 1972 ACCORDING
TOSWEDISH PRESS REPORTS FROM TOKYO.
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